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Rep. Farr Supports Bill To Establish CT Inspector General's Office



Citing recent incidents of alleged misconduct in the issuance of drivers' licenses, state Representative Bob Farr, R-19th District, today called for the re-establishment of an independent Inspector General's Office in Connecticut to detect and prevent waste, fraud and abuse in government.

"Charges involving misconduct by state agency personnel that have surfaced in the recent past – such as alleged bribery in the issuance of drivers' licenses involving a few motor vehicle department employees - have once again demonstrated the urgent need to establish an independent agency empowered to investigate waste and fraud in state government. Re-establishing an inspector general's office immune from political influence or pressure and authorized to conduct investigations and look into whistleblower complaints would help prevent those kinds of abuses from occurring," said Representative Farr, who has introduced legislation (House Bill 5095) to re-establish the office in Connecticut.

Representative Farr submitted written testimony to the state legislature's Government Administration and Elections (G. A. E.) Committee urging support for the measure at a public hearing the committee held on the bill today. Representative Farr is a member of the G. A. E. Committee.

"Currently nine states and the District of Columbia have established an independent Inspector General's Office to crack down on waste, fraud and mismanagement in state government. Connecticut, like most other states, does not have an Inspector General's Office at this time," Representative Farr stated in his testimony.

"Connecticut had an Inspector General's Office for two years during the 1980s. The office was established in 1985 but was abolished in 1987 because of dissatisfaction with the then-appointed Inspector General," Representative Farr wrote.